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**Notice of Interim Adjustment to the United States Trustee Chapter 13 Attorney Fee
Guidelines ("Guideline Fee")**

The Office of the United States Trustee ("UST") is continuing to evaluate the changes on the Chapter 13 practice brought about by the implementation of the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 ("BAPCPA"). The UST is continuing to dialogue with practitioners, trustee and other interested parties to determine what are long term, systematic changes to the Chapter 13 practice resulting from BAPCPA, how they affect the determination of what is a reasonable Guideline Fee and what changes should be made on a long term basis.

However, as the UST continues to examine the matter, it has been determined that an interim adjustment to the Guideline Fee is in order. Accordingly, effective October 17, 2006, the Guideline Fee will be increased from \$2,100 to \$2,800 for Chapter 13 consumer cases and from \$2,500 to \$3,300 for business cases. All other aspects of the Fee Guideline would remain unaltered during this interim period.

This adjustment will be applicable for all cases filed after October 17, 2006. In addition, this adjustment will be applicable for cases filed between October 17, 2005 and October 17, 2006, if: such case has not been confirmed as of October 17, 2006; such adjustment is permitted under the terms of the retention agreement between the client and debtor; and such adjustment is not otherwise prohibited by law.

This interim adjustment will be in effect until further notice. All other provisions of the Fee Guideline, attached, remain unchanged.

Sincerely,

Steven J. Katzman,
United States Trustee